

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – December 9, 2015

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present: Rich Fredette, Chair
Erin McLaughlin
Lenny Kovalik
Kathy Koperwhats
Lou DeCilio (Alternate for Ellen Cox)

Others Present: Margo Paquette, Secretary

- I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Rich Fredette, Chair, at 7:14 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 10/14/15 & Special Meeting 11/30/15** – Erin McLaughlin moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 10/14/15 & Special Meeting 11/30/15; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
- a. **Financial**
1. **Treasurer’s report** – No report due to Treasurer’s absence.
 2. **Request for funds** – Cost of full page ad in the playbill for Bunnell High School’s production of “Under The Big Top”.
- Erin McLaughlin moved to approve \$60 for a full page Arts Commission ad in the playbill; seconded by Lou DeCilio. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chair called a recess at 7:20. Meeting resumed at 7:25.*
- Lou Decilio distributed an unofficial account of the Commission’s Revenue/Expenses.
- b. **Grant Writing** – Erin McLaughlin is familiarizing herself with the website.
 - c. **Subcommittees – Stratford Street Sculptures** – No report.
- IV. **Fundraising**
1. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour – Chairman’s report on October 26th and November 19th events** – Due to the unavailability of the venue on the 3rd Thursday of the month, the October event was held on a Monday and, despite two incredibly talented musicians, there was sparse attendance. The \$9.00 donated was given as a tip to the bartender who is provided for the showcase every month, free of charge. The November event went really well and raised \$100.
 2. **Artist Showcase Cocktail Hour - December event** – The Commission agreed that, due to the busyness of the holiday season, there would be no December showcase. They will resume in January.
 3. **Talent Show** – Discussions will resume in January.
 4. **Comedy Night** – The Commission discussed the event being February’s “Celebrate Creativity” Cocktail Hour.

V. **Events** – No events

VI. **Old Business** – No items

VII. **New Business** – Any business as may be added to the agenda by motion as permitted by law – No items added.

VIII. **Open Discussion**

- Details regarding scholarships will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Lenny Kovalik proposed ideas for the Commission’s involvement in the town’s “Main Street Festival” for 2016.

Each Commissioner was provided with the Schedule Of Regular Meetings for 2016.

IX. **Adjournment** – Erin McLaughlin moved to adjourn; seconded by Lenny Kovalik. Motion carried unanimously at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Paquette, Secretary